



COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION
"Creating Community Through People, Parks and Programs"
Russ Guiney, Director

November 15, 2011

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, California 90012

ADOPTED

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

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EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Dear Supervisors:

**ADOPT RESOLUTIONS AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION OF GRANT APPLICATIONS AND
ACCEPTANCE OF GRANT FUNDS FOR VARIOUS PROJECTS FROM STATE OF CALIFORNIA
GRANT PROGRAMS
(SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS 1, 2 AND 5) (3 VOTES)**

SUBJECT

Request to adopt two resolutions authorizing the submission of competitive grant applications to the State of California. The first resolution is to authorize the submission of a competitive grant application to the State of California Department of Boating and Waterways under the Small Craft Boat Launching Facilities Local Assistance Grant Program. This grant program is funded by vessel registration fees, boating fuel tax dollars, and boating facility construction loan payments.

The second resolution is to authorize the submission of two grant applications to the State of California Department of Parks and Recreation under the Habitat Conservation Fund Grant Program. This grant program is funded by Proposition 117 enacted by the California Wildlife Protection Act of 1990.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

1. Find that the Frank G. Bonelli Regional Park Sailboat Cove Float Replacement project is categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act according to Sections 15301 (a), 15302 (c) and 15311 (a) of the California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines and Classes 1 (c), 2 (e), 11 (d) of the Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines, adopted by your Board on November 17, 1987 because the project involves rehabilitation and replacement of existing structures with no expansion of capacity, and new signage.

2. Find that the Start Mentoring Outgoing Resourceful Environmental Stewards Nature Education Program at Castaic Lake State Recreation Area, Kenneth Hahn State Recreation Area, Santa Fe Dam Recreation Area, and Whittier Narrows Recreation Area is categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act according to Sections 15304 (b) and 15323 of the California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines and Classes 4 (c) and 23 of the Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines, adopted by your Board on November 17, 1987, because the projects involve new landscaping and normal operations of facilities.
3. Find that the Vasquez Rocks (Boyle Property) Acquisition Project is categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act according to Section 15325 (f) of the California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines and Class 25 (a) of the Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines, adopted by your Board on November 17, 1987, because the projects involves acquisition, sale, or other transfer to preserve open space or lands for parks.
4. Adopt a Resolution to complete the submission process of a competitive grant application in the amount of \$398,000 to the State of California Department of Boating and Waterways for the Frank G. Bonelli Regional Park Sailboat Cove Float Replacement Project under the Small Craft Boat Launching Facilities Local Assistance Grant Program.
5. Adopt a Resolution to complete the submission process of two competitive grant applications to the State of California Department of Parks and Recreation in the amount of \$120,000 for the Start Mentoring Outgoing Resourceful Environmental Stewards Nature Education Program and \$679,000 for the Vasquez Rocks (Boyle Property) Acquisition Projects under the Habitat Conservation Fund grant program.
6. Delegate the authority to the Director of the Department of Parks and Recreation or his designee, as agent of the County of Los Angeles, to accept the grant, conduct all negotiations, execute and submit all documents including, but not limited to, applications, contracts, agreements, amendments, and payment requests, which may be necessary for the completion of the aforementioned projects.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The purpose of these recommended actions is to complete the grant submission process as required by the State of California Department of Boating and Waterways and the State of California Department of Parks and Recreation. Each of these agencies has specific guidelines for their grant programs and requires an adopted resolution approving the projects from the applicant's governing Board.

SMALL CRAFT BOAT LAUNCHING FACILITIES LOCAL ASSISTANCE GRANT PROGRAM: The proposed Sailboat Cove Float Replacement project will replace the existing boarding floats with two new boarding floats including abutments, steel piles, and concrete project signage at the Frank G. Bonelli Regional Park located at 120 Via Verde Park Road in San Dimas.

HABITAT CONSERVATION FUND (HCF) GRANT PROGRAM: The proposed Start Mentoring Outgoing Resourceful Environmental Stewards (SMORES) Nature Education Program will consist of overnight special event activities for youth at Castaic Lake State Recreation Area (32132 Castaic Lake Drive, Castaic), Kenneth Hahn State Recreation Area (4100 S. La Cienega Blvd., Los Angeles), Santa Fe Dam Recreation Area (15501 East Arrow Highway, Irwindale), and Whittier Narrows Recreation Area (750 S. Santa Anita Ave., S. El Monte). Activities to promote environmental stewardship will include fishing, astronomy, animal presentations, night hiking, day hiking/way-

finding, birding (bird sighting/viewing), outdoor cooking, entomology, and camping. Optional activities on the following day will include day kayaking at Castaic Lake State Recreation Area, water polo on paddle boards at Santa Fe Dam Recreation Area, a hiking and a tour of the Baldwin Hills Scenic Overlook at Kenneth Hahn State Recreation Area, and planting native plants at Whittier Narrows Recreation Area.

The other proposed project for HCF is the Vasquez Rocks (Boyle Property) Acquisition Project to acquire approximately 31 acres (portion of APN# 3212-006-020) of land, located at 32820 Deerglen Lane, Santa Clarita and add to the Vasquez Rocks Natural Area. The land will be utilized for preservation and public nature education.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The proposed recommendations further the Board approved County Strategic Plan Goals of Operational Effectiveness (Goal 1), and Community and Municipal Services (Goal 3), by enhancing recreational opportunities that benefit County residents.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

Approval of the recommended actions will not have an impact on net County cost.

The estimated cost and grant request for the Frank G. Bonelli Regional Park Sailboat Cove Float Replacement project is \$398,000.

The total project cost for SMORES is \$120,000. The grant request is \$60,000 with a \$60,000 in-kind match.

The total project cost for the Vasquez Rocks (Boyle Property) Acquisition is \$679,000. The grant request is \$200,000. If awarded, the Fifth Supervisorial District will allocate \$479,000 of Proposition A Excess Funds.

OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT

The recommended actions allow the Department of Parks and Recreation (Department) to propose park development projects and programs for grant funding. Additional operating costs may materialize, but are dependent on which project(s) is awarded by the grantor. The Department will identify the additional operating costs upon award and acceptance of grant funds. However, since the Frank G. Bonelli Regional Park Sailboat Cove Float is a replacement project, the Department does not anticipate an increase in operational costs.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

The first resolution is to authorize the submission of a competitive grant application to the State of California Department of Boating and Waterways under the Small Craft Boat Launching Facilities Local Assistance Grant Program; this grant program is funded by vessel registration fees, boating fuel tax dollars, and boating facility construction loan payments.

The second resolution is to authorize the submission of two grant applications to the State of California Department of Parks and Recreation under the Habitat Conservation Fund Grant Program. This grant program is funded by Proposition 117 enacted by the California Wildlife Protection Act of 1990.

The grant guidelines require adoption of a resolution to establish the governing Board's intent to apply for and accept State grant funds. The resolutions will complete the grant submission process for both grant programs.

County departments are required to attach Grant Management Statement forms when filing a Board Letter for grants of \$100,000 or more. The Grant Management Statement forms for the proposed projects are attached.

County Counsel has reviewed this letter and approved the Resolutions as to form.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

The Frank G. Bonelli Park Sailboat Cove Float Replacement project is categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) according to Sections 15301 (a), 15302 (c) and 15311 (a) of the CEQA Guidelines and Classes 1 (c), 2 (e), 11 (d) of the Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines, adopted by your Board on November 17, 1987, because the projects involves rehabilitation and replacement of existing structures with no expansion of capacity, and new signage.

The SMORES Nature Education Program is categorically exempt from the CEQA according to Sections 15304 (b) and 15323 of the CEQA Guidelines and Classes 4 (c) and 23 of the Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines, adopted by your Board on November 17, 1987, because the projects involve new landscaping and normal operations of facilities.

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IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

The proposed actions will not have any impact on current services or projects.

CONCLUSION

It is requested that one adopted copy of this action be forwarded to the Chief Executive Office-Capital Projects Division, and two adopted copies be forwarded to the Department of Parks and Recreation.

The Honorable Board of Supervisors

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Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Russ Guiney", with a stylized, flowing script.

RUSS GUINEY

Director

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Enclosures

c: Chief Executive Officer
County Counsel
Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF
THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
APPROVING THE SUBMISSION OF A GRANT APPLICATION AND AUTHORIZING
ACCEPTANCE OF GRANT FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$398,000 FROM THE
STATE OF CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF BOATING AND WATERWAYS
FOR THE IMPROVEMENT OF A BOAT LAUNCHING FACILITY
AT FRANK G. BONELLI REGIONAL PARK LOCATED AT
120 VIA VERDE PARK ROAD, SAN DIMAS, CALIFORNIA 91773**

WHEREAS, the County of Los Angeles Department of Parks and Recreation (County) operates the Frank G. Bonelli Regional Park boat launching facility; and

WHEREAS, the County is desirous of improving the boat launching facility at the Frank G. Bonelli Regional Park to meet the needs of watercraft users and to provide public amenities to those utilizing the boat launching facilities; and

WHEREAS, the State of California Department of Boating and Waterways (State) is authorized to provide grants to cities, counties, districts, and other agencies for the construction and improvement of small craft launching area; and

WHEREAS, the County has made the determination, given the fact that the Frank G. Bonelli Regional Park has the only boating launching facilities utilized for recreational boating within a 38-mile radius, the proposed project will not be detrimental to the operations of private boating businesses in the area; and

WHEREAS, the State will utilize their own engineers to conduct a feasibility study and prepare a report that will show the proposed project to be technically and financially feasible as well as economically justified; and

WHEREAS, the County is willing to provide for the operation and maintenance of the proposed facilities at no cost to the State; and

WHEREAS, the County will enter into a contract with the State to complete the project; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the County of Los Angeles Board of Supervisors hereby:

1. Approves the filing of the grant application for the Frank G. Bonelli Regional Park Sailboat Cove Float Replacement Project.
2. Certifies that said applicant has or will have available, prior to commencement of any work on the projects included in this application, the sufficient funds to complete the projects should this grant be awarded; and
3. Certifies that the applicant has or will have sufficient funds to operate and maintain the projects; and

4. Certifies that the applicant has reviewed, understands, and agrees to the provisions contained in the Grant Application and Guidelines for Boat Launching Facilities; and
5. Certifies that the project is consistent with the applicable city or county, or appropriate planning document, as the case may be; and
6. Delegates the authority to the Director of Parks and Recreation, or his designee, to accept the grant, if awarded, conduct all negotiations, sign and submit all documents, including, but not limited to applications, agreements, amendments, and payment requests, which may be necessary for the completion of the project; and
7. Agrees to comply with all applicable federal, state and local laws, ordinances, rules, regulations and guidelines.

The foregoing resolution was on the 15th day of November, 2011, adopted by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles and ex officio the governing body of all other special assessment and taxing districts, agencies, and authorities for which said Board so acts.

SACHI A. HAMAI, Executive Officer-
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
of the County of Los Angeles

By Benjamin Zavala
Deputy

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

ANDREA SHERIDAN ORDIN
County Counsel

By Christina A. Salseda
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Principal Deputy County Counsel



**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES**

**APPROVING THE APPLICATION FOR GRANT FUNDS
AND AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF GRANT FUNDS
FROM THE HABITAT CONSERVATION FUND GRANT PROGRAM**

WHEREAS, the people of the State of California have enacted the California Wildlife Protection Act of 1990, which provides funds to the State of California for grants to local agencies to acquire, enhance, restore or develop facilities for public recreation and fish and wildlife habitat protection purposes; and

WHEREAS, the State Department of Parks and Recreation has been delegated the responsibility for the administration of the Habitat Conservation Fund Program, setting up necessary procedures governing project application under the Habitat Conservation Fund Program; and

WHEREAS, said procedures established by the State Department of Parks and Recreation require the applicant to certify by resolution the approval of grant applications before submission of said grant applications to the State; and

WHEREAS, the applicant will enter into a contract with the State of California to complete the projects;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the County of Los Angeles Board of Supervisors hereby:

1. Approves the filing of grant applications for two projects: Vasquez Rocks Acquisition (Boyle Property) and Start Mentoring Outgoing Resourceful Environmental Stewards (SMORES) Program at Castaic Lake State Recreation Area, Santa Fe Dam Recreation Area, Kenneth Hahn State Recreation Area, and Whittier Narrows Recreation Area;
2. Authorizes acceptance of grant funds from the Habitat Conservation Fund;
3. Certifies that said applicant has or will have available, prior to commencement of any work on the projects included in these applications, the required match and sufficient funds to complete the projects;
4. Certifies that the applicant has or will have the sufficient funds to operate and maintain the projects;
5. Certifies that the applicant has reviewed, understands, and agrees to the provisions contained in the contract shown grant administration guide;

6. Delegates the authority to the Director of Parks and Recreation or his designee, as agent of the County of Los Angeles, to conduct all negotiations, execute and submit all documents, including but not limited to, applications, contracts, agreements, amendments, and payment requests, which may be necessary for the completion of the aforementioned projects; and
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